

prices of Agricultural produces and what more they can do in the matter?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The fluctuation in prices and the depression in the trade are worldwide. It is not within the power of this Government to stabilize the prices of agricultural products.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What about agricultural tariffs, may I know in this connection?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I don't understand.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether agricultural tariffs and productive duties have any bearing on this issue?

President.—It is a general economic question. That is not a supplementary question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government aware that there are countries which have instituted productive duties in this connection?

President.—It is not a supplementary question.

Divisions—Legislative Council.

8. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 374 of the last sittings, regarding defeats sustained by the Government in the Council, will the Government be pleased to state how they account for so many defeats in such a short time?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The Member is referred to the discussions on the several points at issue which will give the reasons for the differences of opinion between the Government and the non-official members.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not this answer something like the proposition that A is A?

President.—I cannot allow that question.

Books—Legislative Council Library.

9. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 390 of the last sitting, regarding books suggested for the Council Library, will the Government be pleased to state when they hope to find funds for the same and how they found funds for 'snake-bites' and such other costly unnecessaries for a Council Library?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Possibly in 1109 M. E. The 'Hand book on snake-bite' was purchased early in 1106 when funds permitted. No costly unnecessaries have been purchased for the Council Library.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What about my question 'when they hope to find funds'?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The list of books suggested by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur was subsequently placed before the President for orders and he has disapproved the entire list. So, the question of "finding funds" does not arise.

Distribution of lands.

10. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to questions 87 and 88 regarding the insane distribution of land dated 15th December 1931, will the Government be pleased to supply the information, as promised by them, when a cut motion bearing on the same was discussed in one of our recent sittings?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The information available has been published in the answer to question No. 468 of the last Meenam meeting.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the nature of the information promised by them during the discussion of the cut motion?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I have not followed the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 10, what is the information promised by them during the discussion of the cut motion referred to here?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The only information they were able to collect is given. I do not think they have promised to give any elaborate information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the Government have not promised?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I must refer to the records.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government have referred to answer to question No. 468 when they answered this question?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Legislation against Interest—accumulation.

11. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 57 regarding Legislation against Interest accumulation dated 15th December 1931, will the Government be pleased to state whether any necessity has risen in the meanwhile?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What are the circumstances under which such a necessity may arise?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—When the rate of interest is very high and usurious there may be some necessity.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the rate here normal?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I don't think it is usurious.